



Chelsea Supporters Trust – Newsletter – April 2014

As the season nears its climax, with Chelsea fighting hard for the Premier and Champions League here is the latest CST newsletter to keep you informed of progress on a number of key issues.

Safe Standing

Roadshow on Fulham Road this Saturday!

This Saturday (19th April) the CST and cfcuk are hosting the Safe Standing Roadshow before the Sunderland game from 13.00 until close to kick off. The Roadshow will be held on the Fulham Road, opposite the main entrance to Fulham Broadway station, close to the cfcuk stall. Jon Darch from the Football Supporters' Federation will be hosting the Roadshow, which includes a demonstration of how Rail Seating works. We encourage members to come along, see what Safe Standing entails and ask Jon any questions you may have. More details [here](#).



Safe Standing Roadshow

The CST are liaising with Jon Darch, co-ordinator of the Safe Standing Roadshow referred to in the link above, for the Roadshow to be displayed close to Stamford Bridge on a match day before the end of the season so Chelsea supporters can see for themselves what is involved. We will make a further announcement to our members once details are confirmed.

Safe Standing Survey

A reminder to members to take the opportunity to complete the [Safe Standing Survey](#) for Chelsea Supporters. The survey is being jointly supported and promoted by around 20 supporters' organisations, podcasts and websites and all are keen to solicit opinion from across as much of the Chelsea supporter base as possible.

The survey can be found at www.safestanding.co.uk and takes no longer than 5 minutes to complete. Please share with your Chelsea supporting friends and family.

The closing date for the survey has been extended to Friday 25th April as a result of this weekend's Roadshow. More information on Safe Standing can be found on our [website](#).

Ticket Exchange for Chelsea Supporters

It is clear from feedback we have received that many Chelsea supporters see the benefits of a not-for-profit "face value" ticket exchange and have significant reservations about Chelsea's relationship with Viagogo. Arsenal run their own not-for-profit ticket exchange and it would seem logical for Premier League clubs to follow a similar model.

Many of you will have heard that, after pressure from the club, the CFCTickets website was forced to [close](#). CFCTickets was an online exchange run by Chelsea supporters to enable tickets to be sold to other supporters at face value. The CST has met with the CFCTickets organisers and we are working together to develop a workable model for a non-profit ticket exchange for Chelsea supporters. We are on schedule to complete this work by the end of April when we plan to submit it to the club.

Shed Atmosphere Campaign

The Shed Atmosphere [campaign](#), independent of the CST, started with a bang at the Stoke home game earlier this month with the return of the crowd-surfing flag in the Shed Upper and it is planned to be unfurled at the remaining two home league games against Sunderland and Norwich as well. Follow the campaign on Twitter [here](#) and if you sit in the Shed, get involved!



End of Season Party Postponed

As many of you will know, we have been forced to postpone the CST end of season party due to problems with the venue. We apologise for this and plan to reschedule at a later date this summer. Ticket holders have been emailed regarding the postponement and should check their spam folder if they have not seen the email. Refunds cannot be granted at the cfcuk stall unless ticket holders have emailed before the day of the remaining home games.

Support Coventry City 'Keep Cov In Cov'

Before Chelsea's 3-0 win over Stoke on 5th April the CST and a dozen Coventry City supporters in London for their club's game with Brentford leafleted around Stamford Bridge encouraging Chelsea supporters to back the return of the Sky Blues, who currently play 35 miles away from their home in Northampton, to Coventry. You can help to by visiting www.fixfootball.co.uk and signing the petition.

Problems at Arsenal away – The saga continues

As we pointed out in the last newsletter, the CST has been following up the unacceptable problems faced by Chelsea supporters before the League Cup tie at The Emirates last October. After chasing the matter, we finally received an unsatisfactory answer from Arsenal FC, which is a source of significant frustration. We plan to escalate this and will keep CST members informed of progress.

CST Virtual General Meeting

We are finalising arrangements for what is scheduled to be the final SGM of the season in May. We plan to trial a "virtual" general meeting, where voting members can listen live and ask questions via a chat function from their computers or mobile devices. More details to follow.

Atletico Madrid away tickets

A quick word of praise to the club for subsidising Atletico away tickets to the tune of £20 off all tickets. This gesture has been very much appreciated by supporters, especially given the number of games Chelsea have played recently and the high cost of travel to this particular fixture.

Membership Renewals

We have been sending out renewal emails to our voting members. Annual membership is only £5 and includes a free [CST pin badge](#) and obviously we hope that as many of you as possible will choose to do this.



When you renew you can opt for an annual subscription which makes renewal more convenient. More details of this option are in the renewal notice.

Featured Affiliate – The Chelsea Fancast

The Chelsea Football FanCast is a weekly TV, internet radio show and podcast dedicated to the Chels'. The show is the real deal with real opinions and banter from lifelong fans that go to the games and live in the manor!



Presented by Chelsea nut 'Stamford Chidge', the show discusses the latest Chelsea issues from the fans' perspective. Chidge is joined by Ross, Pablo, Dazza Mental and Johnathan Kydd – the mates he goes to the games with to carry on the pub banter on the show. In addition, when they can be begged, borrowed or stolen, some of the football pundits, journalists, ex-players and legends, Chelsea authors and Celebs and downright nutters Chidge knows make guest appearances on the show.

Check the Chelsea Fancast [website](#) for ways to watch, listen to and interact with the show.

Further Reading

Here are few links which we feel might be of interest to members. Some are Chelsea specific, others relate to wider issues.

- Chelsea's [Charity Heroes](#).
- Chelsea supporter [turns 100!](#)
- The FA rejects [Hull City name change](#).
- New UK Culture Secretary Sajid Javid once referred to ticket touts "[classic entrepreneurs](#)".
- Crisis in British [grassroots football](#).
- All Party Parliamentary Group lays into [football authorities](#).
- The Football League's 'Owners & Directors' test branded a "[crooks charter](#)" as Cellino approved as Leeds owner.
- Further revelations over the 2022 World Cup in Qatar in the [Daily Mail](#) and [Telegraph](#).

Transport Information

Advance train ticket alerts from thetrainline.com. Please be aware fixtures are subject to change due to television demands, before booking:

<http://www.thetrainline.com/ticketalert/football/premier-league>

Travel to the Bridge by train? Weekend travel news from TfL:

<http://www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/livetravelnews/realtime/track.aspx?offset=weekend>

TfL customer email updates registration:

<https://www.tfl.gov.uk/tfl/email/>

If you have comments or questions on any of the above information, or any other CST activity, please let us know: enquiries@chelseasupporterstrust.com

We'll be back next month with the latest news from the Chelsea Supporters Trust – making your voice heard.



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